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State. The author's plan and treatment have made the book useful to the teacher of political science, more so, perhaps, than to the teacher of law in professional schools. The bibliographical list at the beginning of each chapter is very useful to student, teacher and practitioner; but the plan of printing the cases in the general index, rather than in a separate table, is an annoyance and not a help, at least to this reviewer. A strong effort has been made to treat the Constitutional law of the States. The book, though perhaps a trifle abstract and dry, is nevertheless a distinctly useful and dependable work.

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THE WISCONSIN IDEA. By Charles McCarthy, Chief, Wisconsin Legislative Reference Department. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1912, (pp. xvi, 323).

This volume is not without value despite its evident hasty preparation and the abundant carelessness of its style. It is a description, fortified and somewhat encumbered by numerous extracts from official documents, of the many recent legislative and administrative activities of the State of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Idea, which resolves itself into the widest possible use of the expert by a democracy; and in the development of State administrative control, can hardly be termed indigenous to Wisconsin, although that State has doubtless most widely applied it. The recall of judicial decisions, which Mr. McCarthy favors, has not usually been thought to be a part of the "Wisconsin Idea." The common notion, however, may be incorrect, taking into consideration the fact that this book was written before the memorable enunciation of the doctrine in February, 1912, at the Ohio constitutional convention.

There is a short introduction by Theodore Roosevelt.

J. S. R.

FOUR PHASES OF AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT—FEDERALISM, DEMOCRACY, IMPERIALISM AND EXPANSION. By John Bassett Moore, LL.D., Professor of International Law, Columbia University, N. Y. Sometime Assistant Secretary of State, U. S.; author of *Digest of International Arbitration*. The Johns Hopkins Press, 1912 (pp. 218, 16mo.).

This readable little book contains four lectures, delivered by Professor Moore in 1911 at the Johns Hopkins University, upon Federalism, Democracy, Imperialism, and Expansion, as four phases of American development. It can hardly be called a noteworthy or important contribution to the literature of American history, as no striking originality is exhibited either of treatment or of point of view. As a rapid survey, however, it is of value. One misconception Professor Moore dispels. Reviewing the instances in which the United States has declined the arbitral settlement of its international disputes, he shows that its record as an advocate of International Arbitration is by no means as clear as many are proud to believe.

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